President.—The question time is over. The Law Member may move that the Bill to amend the Court of Wards Regulation, as amended by the Council, may be taken up and passed.

A Bill to amend the Cochin Court of Wards Regulation.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Court of Wards Regulation, as amended, be taken up and passed.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

The question that the Bill to amend the Cochin Court of Wards Regulation be taken up and passed was put to vote and carried.

A Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation.

President.—Mr. A. Eachara Menon will move the Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation, as amended, be passed.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I second it.

The question that the Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation be taken up and passed was put to vote and carried.

President.—The next item is Voting of Demands for Supplementary Grants.

The Transaction of Offic il business on a non-official day.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—A point of order, Sir. The Secretary in his letter, dated 18th March 1927, states that the first 2 days of the sitting are allowed for official business and the remaining three days for non-official business. Under the Standing Orders, on days allotted for non-official business, non-official business has to be given precedence.

President.—Government business shall have precedence at all other times. I don't follow the position. What is that?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The Diwan fixed the first two days of the session for official business and the remaining days for non-official business. Under that rule, on these days, non-official business shall have precedence.

President.—The Diwan has also the power to alter the programme.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There is no communication to the effect that the Diwan had altered the days.

President.—Not that it is altered, but only some items of Government business have been put in.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—If there is an order of the Diwan that the days have been altered, then my point of order will not stand. If the days have not been altered, the non-official business shall have precedence, and even the Diwan has no power to change it.

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